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November 21, 2002

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PROCEDURES REGARDING HEARING ON PETITION FILED BY MERCED, MODESTO AND TURLOCK IRRIGATION DISTRICTS (SAN JOAQUIN RIVER GROUP AUTHORITY PARTIES)

In accordance with the Notice of Public Hearing dated November 7, 2002 (Hearing Notice), enclosed is a list of parties to exchange information. The list is composed of persons who have submitted a Notice of Intent to Appear and indicated an intent to appear as a party at the water right hearing regarding a petition for long-term transfer involving a change in the place and purpose of use of Licenses 2685, 6047 and 11395 (Application 1224, 10572 and 16186) of Merced Irrigation District and Licenses 5417 and 11058 (Applications 1233 and 14127) of Modesto and Turlock Irrigation Districts.

Please remember that all participants in the evidentiary portions of the hearing must comply with the requirements listed in the Hearing Notice, which include specific procedures and deadlines for serving information on the parties identified on the enclosed list of parties to exchange information. These requirements include, but are not limited to the following:

No later than **Monday, December 9, 2002**, each party shall serve a copy of its Notice of Intent to Appear on each of the parties identified on the list of parties to exchange information, along with a statement of service that indicates the manner of service.

Each party's written testimony and other exhibits, and a completed exhibit identification index, related to the hearing must be received by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) and served on each of the parties identified on the list of parties to exchange information no later than **4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 18, 2002**.

The City of Stockton has submitted a Notice of Intent to Appear indicating an intent to present a policy statement and participate in cross-examination and/or rebuttal. The submittal and service requirements outlined above do not apply to persons presenting policy statements. Persons presenting policy statements do not need to serve other parties with copies of their policy statements. However, since the City of Stockton has indicated an intent to cross-examine witnesses and/or rebut testimony, the parties to the hearing should serve the City of Stockton with copies of their exhibits.

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Protestants to the petition, South Delta Water Agency, Alexander Hildebrand, and Lafayette Ranch, have requested a delay in the hearing. All parties to the hearing will be notified at the pre-hearing conference on December 4, 2002, or shortly thereafter whether the delay will be granted. If the delay is approved parties will be notified by mail of the new hearing dates and submittal date requirements.

Questions regarding this letter may be directed to Diane Lawson, Hearing Coordinator, at (916) 341-5297, Barbara Leidigh, Staff Counsel IV, at (916) 341-5190, or Ernie Mona, Water Resources Control Engineer, at (916) 341-5359.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:

Arthur G. Baggett, Jr.
Hearing Officer

Enclosure

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Maureen Marché
Barbara Leidigh
Ernie Mona
Lewis Moeller
Vicky Whitney

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**PARTIES WHO HAVE INDICATED AN INTENT TO APPEAR AT THE
HEARING ON THE SAN JOAQUIN RIVER GROUP AUTHORITY PETITIONS**

**Petitioners: San Joaquin River Group Authority
(Merced, Modesto and Turlock Irrigation Districts)**

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*Plans to call witnesses to testify at the hearing

Protestants: South Delta Water Agency, Alexander Hildebrand, and Lafayette Ranch

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Protestants: Central Delta Water Agency and R.C. Farms, Inc.

Representative: Dante John Nomellini, Esq.

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*Intends to present a policy statement

*Intends to participate by cross-examination or rebuttal